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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1997 RECEIVED

In response to the Examiner's action mailed November 19, 1997, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

At page 11, line 1, after "DYNABEADS" insert
--superparamagnetic polystyrene beads--

At page 21, line 29, replace "uncoated" with
--Uncoated--; and line 30, after ") add a period.

In the claims:

Amend claim 1 as indicated below.

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~~1. (Amended) A method of isolating nucleic acid from a sample, said method comprising (a) contacting said sample with a detergent and a solid support in the absence of any chaotropic agent, the solid support comprising an organic polymer, whereby soluble nucleic acid in said sample is bound to the support in the presence of the detergent and absence of any chaotropic agent, and (b) separating said support with bound nucleic acid from the sample.~~

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